



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Uwe HEITMANN

Appl. No: 09/657,812

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For: ARRANGEMENT FOR REDUCING  
THE NOISE LEVEL OF TOBACCO-  
PROCESSING PRODUCTION  
MACHINES

Art Unit: 1731

Examiner: Carlos N. Lopez

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**Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.121**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
Box Amendments  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the non-final Office Action dated August 27, 2002, Applicant submits the following Amendment and Reply.

Two additional claims in excess of twenty has been added. Please charge Deposit Account No. 22-0261 in the amount of \$36.00 for the excess claim fee. If the Patent Office deems that any additional fees are necessary, authorization is hereby granted to charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

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